



City of Yakima

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Subject: Temporary Irrigation System Shutdown

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Broken Private Canal Company Pipe Interrupts City Irrigation Service

A broken pipe owned by a private canal company that provides irrigation water to the City of Yakima's system has resulted in the temporary shutting off of irrigation water in the area of town bordered to the west by North 2nd Street, to the east by 6th Street, to the south by I Street, and to the north by Thornton Lane.

The shut down of what's known as the "North 4th Street System" means about 190 homes will be without irrigation service until the pipe, which is owned by the Old Union Canal Company, can be repaired.

Repairs to the canal company's pipe are expected to be completed and irrigation service restored to the North 4th Street System customers by no later than Tuesday, July 2nd.

"The best case scenario is the Old Union pipe will be repaired even sooner," said Irrigation Supervisor Alvie Maxey. "Repairs can't start until Monday because of rules that require two days notice be given to other utilities like gas and power so they can mark the locations of their facilities so they aren't damaged while the irrigation pipe repairs are being done. We certainly apologize to the North 4th Street System customers for any inconvenience the temporary shutoff might cause," said Maxey. "The system will be back up and running as soon as possible."

Customers who have questions about the canal shutoff can contact the City of Yakima's Water/Irrigation Division at 575-6194.

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